

# Regional European Organisation of the FDI

## National Report

**Country: BULGARIA**

**Association: Bulgarian Dental Association (BgDA)**

**Venue:**

**Year: 2014**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

Elections passed at the end of May 2014. New Managing Board was elected.

Dr. Borislav Milanov was reelected President of BgDA.

Dr. Nikolai Sharkov was elected Secretary General of BgDA.

II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics:

Number of the BgDA members - approx. 8350.

In active practice – 8350.

- in health politics:

Bill in of amendments to all the laws, concerning health, medical and dental associations and national health insurance in favor of the profession.

No other changes.

- in educational politics:

New specialty – Dental Implantology.

Credential system in progress. Each member of BgDA has to obtain minimum 30 credits (1 credit=1 academic hour of 45 min.) for a period of three years.

- in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes):

National Framework Contract between BgDA and National Health Insurance fund (NHIF) was signed in December 2014.

The National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) is monitoring the quality of dental care in the system of mandatory insurance, according to criteria negotiated with the BgDA and included in the National Framework Contract, signed by the two parties. The budget of the NHIF for 2014 (voted in the Bulgarian Parliament) for dental care is 120 000 000 leva (Bulgarian lev – BGN), equal to app. 61 287 028 €, which is only 4,4%

of the whole budget of the NHIF for health insurance payments per year. The package for adults is still poor.

The contracted, insufficient for adults, annual packages of activities in dental medicine varies according to the age:

- For children up to 18 years - one check and four activities per year - filling(s), endodontic treatment(s), extraction(s) of the temporary and permanent teeth per year;
- For adults - one check and two activities – fillings and/or extractions per year.

Over 6100 dentists have individual contracts with the NHIF.

### III. Further information (activities, concerns).

BgDA Special Fund for Support of Regular Members of the Association with Serious Health Problems

The BgDA Fund for Support of Regular Members of the Association with Serious Health Problems is a part of the social policy of the Association.

The Managing Board of BgDA every year put aside 2,5 % from each annual fee in a special bank account (annual fee – app. 77€). A Council of 6 members, elected by the Congress, is taking decisions who to be supported according to strict Rules of the Fund approved by the BgDA Congress as well.

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